

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Gladys Irene Wikner was born May 27, 1908, to Otto and Johanna Wikner at Pipestone, Minnesota; and,

*Whereas*, Gladys moved with her family to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a young girl, and lived there the majority of her life; and,

*Whereas*, Gladys married Merrill John Van Der Schaaf and to that union three children were born: Glen, Paul, and Dale, who further blessed their lives with seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Gladys now resides in Illinois, and will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

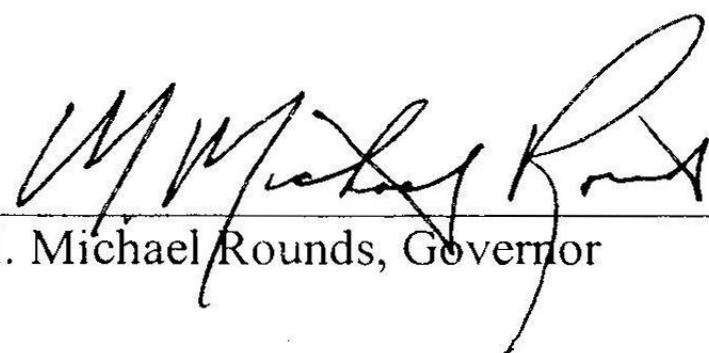
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2008, as

### *GLADYS VAN DER SCHAAF DAY*


in South Dakota.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State